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Coming in the Winter Issue:

Rusty's trip to Finland

Story and Photos

For all the latest news, check the club website:

www.norcalsheepdog.org

Caledonian Club Scottish Games

September 3-4, 2011

NCWSA held its annual trial September 3-4 in conjunction with the Caledonian Club's Scottish Highland Games at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, CA.

Thanks to Bonnie Richardson, event chairperson and trial judge; Yvette Cook, super-efficient organizer and all-around "go-to person"; Jennifer Stewart, announcer; Mimi Wilson, clerk; Steve Alongi, course director, and everyone else who pitched in to help. Many thanks of course to John Grey and the Caledonian Club of San Francisco.

Complete results are on the NCWSA website: norcalssheepdog.org. Photos by Teri Tucker.



Saturday - Driving Class

Handler	Dog	Score	Place
Suzanne Anaya	Jet	135	1
Carolyn Crocker	Lyn	120	2
Stephanie Summers	Tam	112	3
Stephanie Summers	Kate	99	4
Carie Bennett	Cait	99	5

Saturday - Obstacle Class

Handler	Dog	Score	Place
Carie Bennett	Cait	160	1
Suzanne Anaya	Jet	150	2
Stephanie Summers	Tam	127	3
Suzanne Anaya	Yoko	118	4
Jennifer Stewart	Flash	114	5

Sunday - Driving Class

Handler	Dog	Total Score	Place
Stephanie Summers	Kate	92	1
Amy Coapman	Jean	90	2
Charlotte Jones	Bet	90	3
Jennifer Stewart	Brook	76	4
Stephanie Summers	Tam	75	5

Sunday - Obstacle Class

Handler	Dog	Total Score	Place
Amy Coapman	Jean	187	1
Charlotte Jones	Bet*	161	2
Stephanie Summers	Tam	161	3
Stephanie Summers	Kate	154	4
Jennifer Stewart	Flash	135	5



Scottish Games—Championship Competition

(Dog and handler teams had to run in all eight classes over the weekend in order to be eligible.)

Handler	Dog	Total
Stephanie Summers	Tam	475
Suzanne Anaya	Jet	463
Charlotte Jones	Bet	444
Carie Bennett	Cait	437
Stephanie Summers	Kate	432
Amy Coapman	Jean	418
Jennifer Stewart	Flash	414
Carolyn Crocker	Lyn	349
Eddy Aldridge	Sheila	342
Suzanne Anaya	Kilt	341
Suzanne Anaya	Yoko	341
Teri Tucker	Jasper	265
Billy Trent	Coal	222
Jennifer Stewart	Brook	215
Rhonda Smith	Jane	192

**Champion & Dave Mason perpetual trophy
Reserve Champion**



Pleasanton Scottish Games—Photos



Scottish Games—More Photos



More Scottish Games Photos



Your 2012 Board of Directors...

We're still looking for folks to help to fill the officers' slate for 2012, including Secretary and Board members. If you are willing to serve on the 2012 Board please contact me at: btrent@sonic.net. Normally these board positions do not take a lot of time and we will provide mentoring and transition for new people. Here is a chance to make your voice heard! Thanks!

—Billy Trent, 2011 Vice President

Novice FAQ



The Novice FAQ is meant to help answer Novice handlers' questions and concerns about trialing. If you have a question that you would like to have answered in an upcoming newsletter, please send it to: director03@norcalssheepdog.org. Thanks to Glen McGowan and Yvette Cook for the following topics.

Q: When does a run end?

A: The run ends when (1) you have completed the course, or (2) time has run out and the course is not completed, or (3) you have retired yourself, or (4) the judge has called you off.

Q: When will the judge end a run?

A: The judge may dismiss you and your dog when the dog grips (bites the stock), the stock goes off course, there is a failure to make progress towards completion of the course, or the stock is being put in harm's way. The judge will normally end the run by saying, "thank you".

Q: When can I get a re-run?

A: There are times when something happens that makes it nearly impossible to have a good run and it is not the fault of the dog or handler that are on course. Examples are: one of the sheep may be lame, the wrong number of sheep have been released, or a stray dog could wander onto the field.

Something for Everyone at Porterville

by Yvette Cook

Another Fun Trial weekend was held at Porterville CA thanks to the San Joaquin Valley Border Collie Association (SJVBCA) and the Oxford Ranch, Oct. 1 and 2, 2011. People arriving Friday afternoon, after checking in with Sally, are allowed to have training goes for \$10 but please not to work the course. This weekend, Michael Burks was the judge. The home flock is used. They are not used as training sheep but for the Fun Trials and maybe the P-N for their open trial there. They are light, responsive to the dogs and wary of people. Very nice.

Classes were Novice-Novice, Pro-Novice, and Open Ranch (Open handlers with P-N dogs.) Classes are judged, ribbons etc. Flexibility is prevalent and Sally decided that with the number of entries we could have another round of judged runs in the afternoon. Several of the open handlers had their open dogs with them. So, if you wanted to have a judged run (no prizes or ribbons) you could. It's not often that is offered anywhere. Lunch was provided by the club as part of the entry fee, both days...A time to refresh the crews and let the handlers socialize as well.

At any time could a handler ask for help from a club mentor. Several of the N-N handlers opted for mentored help in the afternoon instead of a judged run. Judy Loflin was available and loves helping others. If your run falls apart, you can leave the post, forfeit a score, but use the rest of your time to train on the field.

That weekend most of us had three judged runs with our young dogs. Very productive. It is amazing that the San Joaquin club offers four fun trials and four sanctioned trials each year. Thank you so much for all you provide!!!!

Andy Anderson

Clifford Wilbur "Andy" Anderson

Well-known local dog handler and horseman, Andy Anderson, passed away on August 25, 2011. Always ready with a compliment about your run or a positive comment on the day at the trials, Andy was a familiar figure around the Bay Area with his dogs Bob, Joy, and Spur. He was 89 years old. Andy was a resident of Redwood City and longtime business man in Palo Alto and 65-year resident of the Bay Area. He was also a World War II Navy Veteran, and cherished father, grandfather, and great-great grandfather. Spur will be living with Andy's grandson and two young daughters. Spur has been with them a lot; she is a great family dog as well as a fine worker. Andy was a champion cutting horse trainer and rider as well as a skilled border collie handler. He will be remembered very fondly by the local stock dog crowd as a true gentleman, and a kind soul who did not know a stranger. Private services were held (Aug. 30). Memorial contributions may be made to B.O.K. Ranch, 1815 Cordilleras Road, Redwood City, CA 94062 (B.O.K. Ranch is a therapeutic horseback riding program.) Website: <http://www.bokranch.com/>

Many thanks to Linda Rorem for her help with this article; obituary material quoted from the San Jose Mercury News and San Mateo Times published on Aug. 27.

Upcoming Events ... Mark Your Calendar!

- October 29-30: Jack Knox Clinic, UC Davis Extension, Hopland, CA
- October 28-31: 9th Annual Pt Pleasant SDT, Elk Grove, CA
- November 5-6: SJVBCA Fall Trial, Porterville, CA
- November 11,12,13: UC Hopland Research Center SDT, Hopland, CA
- November 19-21: Dunnigan Hills Fall Trial, Zamora, CA
- December 3-4: SJVBCA SDT Trial, Coalinga, CA



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